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(b) whether such officers are given the liberty to express their own views in reply to questions by members of the Commission; and

(c) the number and names of officers that are allowed to appear in camera?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) No arrangements have yet been made.

Secretariat

Duties of the Superintendent, Central Record Branch of the Chief Secretariat.

*1270 *Q.*—BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what the duties of the Superintendent of the Central Record Branch of the Chief Secretariat are?

A.—The Central Record Branch which is attached to the Secretariat and is in the Fort St. George is the repository of records of recent years, which are frequently required by the Secretariat for reference; these records chiefly comprise originals of non-confidential proceedings of Government of the last five years and printed copies of the proceedings of the last 10 years, and all confidential proceedings more than three years old.

The Superintendent of the Central Record Branch of the Chief Secretariat is in charge of these records. His duties comprise several matters of detail; but put in general terms he is primarily responsible for the safe custody of the records, he supervises the work of a staff consisting of 5 clerks, 14 attenders and 1 peon, ensures prompt compliance with requisitions for records and keeps a vigilant eye on the return of the records to the Central Record Branch. He attends personally to requisitions relating to confidential records.

Settlement

Constitution of a committee to enquire into the economic condition of Kistna and Godavari districts.

*1271-A *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have accepted the resolution passed by the Legislative Council on 28th November 1928 to constitute a mixed committee to make an open enquiry into the economic condition of Kistna and Godavari districts in connexion with the resettlement; and

(b) if so, when the committee will be formed and what its composition is?

A.—(a) & (b) It is proposed to move the following motion during the present session of the Legislative Council:—

"That with reference to the resolution passed by the Council at the meeting held on 28th November 1928, regarding the appointment of a committee to enquire into the economic condition of the districts of Kistna, Godavari East and Godavari West, the Council do proceed to elect a committee of five of its members to make the enquiry and to report to Government by the 1st October 1929."